## Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for generating text summaries of a content portion comprising at least one phrase, the system comprising:

a parts of speech determining circuit that determines the part of speech of constituents of the at least one phrase;

an informativity determining circuit that determines the informativity of the constituents of the at least one phrase based on how much the part of speech of a first constituent of the at least one phrase modifies the part of speech of a second constituent of the at least one phrase;

an informativity compressing circuit that compresses the constituents of the at least one phrase based on the determined informativity, grammatical readability and a desired degree of compression.

- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the informativity compressing circuit comprises at least one of a prepositional/adverbial temporal phrase compressing circuit, a prepositional/adverbial phrase of manner compressing circuit, a prepositional/adverbial phrase of location compressing circuit, a consecutive adjective compressing circuit, a consecutive adverb compressing circuit, an intensifying adverb compressing circuit, an enumerating adverb compressing circuit, a consecutive determiner compressing circuit and an expletive connective adverb compressing circuit.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a subordinate clause compressing circuit.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one content portions are text summaries generated by an alternate text summary generating system.

- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the parts of speech determining circuit comprises at least one of a shallow syntactic parser, a deep parser, a tagger and a lexicon.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the expletive connective adverb compressing circuit further comprises a verb adjustment circuit.
- 7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the informativity compressing circuit further compresses the constituents of the at least one phrase based on the determined informativity, a desired degree of compression and a text type of the content portion.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for generating text summaries of a content portion comprising at least one phrase, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a desired degree of compression;

determining parts of speech of the constituents of the at least one phrase;

determining the informativity of the constituents of the at least one phrase based on how much the part of speech of a first constituent of the at least one phrase modifies the part of speech of a second constituent of the at least one phrase;

compressing the constituent of the at least one phrase based in the determined informativity, grammatical readability and the desired degree of compression.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein determining the informativity comprises determining at least one of a prepositional/adverbial temporal phrase, a prepositional/adverbial phrase of manner, a prepositional/adverbial phrase, a consecutive adjective, a consecutive adverb, an intensifying adverb, an enumerating adverb, a consecutive determiner and an expletive connective adverb.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising compressing subordinate clauses.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein at least one content portion is a text summary generated by an alternative text summary generating system.
- 12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein determining the part of speech comprises shallow syntactic parsing, deep parsing and tagging.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein determining the expletive connective adverb further comprises adjusting verbs in the phrase.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising compressing the constituent of the at least one phrase based on the determined informativity, the desired degree of compression and a text type of the content portion.